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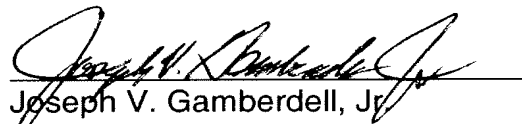
1. Claims 2-14, 16-29, and 35 remain in the application. Claims 1, 15, 30-34, and 36-39 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 2-4, 7, 8, 13, 14, 16-20, 26-29, and 35 have been amended.

2. Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 18 and 20-26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 18 and 20 to include all the limitations of claims 1 and 36, and have amended the dependencies of the remaining claims where warranted.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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